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TO: Assessing Officials
FROM: Barry Wood, Assessment Division Director *J BW*
RE: Soil Productivity Factor Update
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The Department of Local Government Finance (the "Department") recently requested and received updated Soil Productivity Factors from the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA"). The updated Soil Productivity Factors are to be applied and used as part of the March 1, 2012 General Reassessment. The Productivity Index values are based on the USDA's updated yield data calculation.

In Chapter 2 (Land Valuation) of the 2012 General Reassessment Guidelines (pages 95 and 96 - http://www.in.gov/dlgf/files/2011_Chapter_2_Final.pdf), an explanation of the Calculation of the Soil Productivity Index is provided. The best soil productivity in the state is now approximately 1.66 (changed from 1.28), while the poorest remains 0.50.

The USDA representative indicated he tried to remove the non-primary components of complexes and added the miscellaneous units back in manually. If one or two were inadvertently missed, please contact the Department and we will follow up with the USDA to correct the error.

An Excel spreadsheet that includes each county is attached. Additionally, an Excel version is being provided to the various software providers.

If you have any questions, please contact your Assessment Division field representative or Barry Wood at 317.232.3762 or Bwood@dlgf.in.gov.